# District of Columbia Has Witnessed Prosperity in City Development During the Year 1920

## NATIONAL CAPITAL LOOKS | Kutz was promoted from lieutenant olonel. In April Maj. | Roger G. Powell was designated assistant engineer commissioner to aid dations and the scope of their work en-FORWARD TO AN EVENTFUL YEAR IN ALL ACTIVITIES

### First Six Months, Carrying an Inauguration, Expected to Be Especially Busy Here.

After a year devoid of the excitement which marked the war period, the National Capital looks forward today to twelve months

With inauguration but a few months off and the possibility of a special session of the new Congress in the spring, it is certain that at least teh first half of 1921 will find Washington a busy

Although there was a net reduction of 15,876 in the force of government employes in Washington during the past twelve months, Uncle Sam's personnel is still far in excess of what it 192 was when the war expansion began. On January 1, 1920, there were 102,021 federal employes in the District. Today there are, in

One of the biggest municipal events of the year was the zoning of the city into height, area and use districts for building was \$6,377,836.07. purposes. This enormous task was started in March by the newly created zoning commission and completed on September 1.

Under this law the height to which a building may be erected,

the area of the lot which it may occupy and the use to which it may be put is definitely fixed for every street in the city. There were two other municipal developments in 1920 which affect the pocketbooks of thousands. One is the increase in the tax rate on real estate and tangible personal property from \$1.50 to \$1.95 per \$100 of assessed value. The other is the increase in

water rent from \$4.50 to \$5.65 for 56,000 gallons a year. In addition to these increases, the rates of street car fare, gas, electricity and telephone service were advanced during the year on the showings made by the companies of increased operating

#### Public Utilities Commission.

When it is recalled that the mem-new subscriber. The order also re-bers of the Utilities Commission are quired a free extension of overhead also District Commissioners, handling upon that board, it will be seen what a busy year 1920 was for them.

From January until May the rate of carfare was four tokens for 25 cents, or 7 cents cash. From May 1 until yesterday the rate was 4 tokens for 30 cents, or 8 cents cash. The street car problem was probably the most difficult, since the Capital Traction Company did not need the increases which the commission had to grant the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

going into the fund established by the District Supreme Court pending set-tlement of the company's suit against

free in order to furnish service to a

#### District Building.

and J. Thilman Hendrick, giving the

#### DISTRICT GOVERNMENT

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surplus of \$4,648,666.69 in District revenues in the Treasury. Of this total surplus \$584,742.75 was acquired during the fiscal year ended in June,

not applied to the bonded debt. If they were the city would in reality how a balance on hand instead of an indebtedness, it is claimed. The amount of real estate tax paid The personal taxes paid during the year, including taxes on gross earnings of utilities, banks, building associations, etc., and on the gross receipts of street religious.

ciations, etc., and on the gross re-ceipts of street railway companies, amounted to \$2,007,062.15. The intangible personal property tax paid by the people amounted to \$894,538.14. The people of the District also paid \$1,234,608.89 in fees for business licenses, motor tags and miscellaneous

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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fifteen to thirty-five feet the length of underground conduit, which the usual number of cases of dis-

wood was sent to the District building as third assistant engineer complete the missioner to take over some of the duties of Majs, Carey H. Brown and F. S. Besson.

Nearly 1,500 were injured until the state of the missioner to take over some of the traffic regulations numbered 51,440. The total number of arrests for all offenses during the year was 51,440, of which 3,884 were for intoxication and 1,242 for other violations of the prohibi-

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

increases, and the association held several public meetings at which invitations to the public were extended.

Chief Watson, familiar with the policy

to approximately \$860,000. It was due to the fire at Bolling Field, Anacostia, which involved a loss of more than \$400,000 to airplanes and equipment, that the year's losses were so great. Another disastrous fire involving government property did \$27,000 damage to buildings at Walter Reed Hospital.

investigation, which, it is stated, may eventually result in substituting fire-proof structures for those constructed of wood and other inflammable material. The heaviest monthly loss by fire was in Oceober, the month in which the Bolling Field fire occurred, the total amounting to \$477,263, and the smallest damage was in the month of August

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

dent of the board of education, and the District public schools. Subse-

when Dr. Ballou became head of the school system he promised to give Washington the best public educational system possible. Several months later he took definite steps toward this end by making a careful and comprehensive survey of the

sulted in the continued use of porta-ble structures, rented buildings, and

10.000.

Plans were made early in September to change the uniform of the High School Cadets, in order to reduce the

The extra duties, under the order, consist of coaching backward chil-dren in their own classes and assistcongestion in the schools, they condue to the construction of an addi-tion to the building, caused parents of 300 children attending this school

high school system, and an amend-ment to the basic school law setting aside a definite proportion of lecal taxes into a fund to be held inviolate for the schools. Under the present arrangement of appropriating reve-nues for the schools, he believes, it

#### DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

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## ZONING OF WASHINGTON ONE OF YEAR'S BIGGEST **MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS**

Increases in Tax and Water Rates and Utility Charges Affected Pocketbooks of Citizens.

House.
Legislation providing for the zoning of Washington, limiting the character of buildings and businesses that may be carried on in the various zones established, was put through. This measure was modeled after plans adopted in a number of other American cities and has been put into effect here.

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Though the Ball act creating a rent commission was passed in 1918 the President did not name the commission until January, 1920. The nominations were confirmed by the Senate and the commission started operations. The validity of the law creating the commission was attacked in the courts, however, and is now before the Supreme Court of the United States for final decision. Senator Ball of Delaware has trict code authorizing the issue to ten-ants of summary seven-day notices to quit as a means of delaying proceedings against tenants who refuse to pay in-creased rents demanded of them, until Supreme Court can pass upon the t commission act, and the bill has

charged that profiteering in bread in the District was going on.

Congress put through a bill increasing the pay of the members of the police and fire departments of the Districts, on the representation of the District Commissioners and the men themselves that they were underpaid. The string attached to the raise in pay was that the members of these departments should not form unions affiliated with outside organizations, which coun-

the present fiscal year, and the District of per cent, from its revenues.

The change in the method of appropriating was carried in the District appropriation bill—a compromise between the position taken by the method of appropriation taken by the method of appropriation bill—a compromise between the position taken by the method of appropriation bill—a compromise between the position taken by the method of appropriation bill—a compromise between the position taken by the method of appropriation bill—a compromise between the meth

Dan Cupid also registered record for activity in 1920. Col. W. A. Kroll, the license clerk, during the year issued 7,030 marriage licenses This is an increase of nearly 300 over 1919, which had been the banner year. The leap year privilege was

Despite prohibition and other re

ble to the anti-trust laws.

#### CORONER'S OFFICE

indulgence in poisonous alcohol. noisonous fluid, in most instar

addressed an appeal to the women of Portugal to aid her in providing a happy Christmas for political pris-

oners. She was accompanied at the time by one hundred other women. The minister then expressed the view that acquiescence in the petition would be illegal, but that the question would be placed before the ministerial council for decision.

#### ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOVE IN INDIA HAS NEW TURN

Gandhi Party Is Opposing the Election of Officers Under the National Act.

BOMBAY, January 1 (India Inormation Bureau.)-The non-co-oper ation movement or boycott of British institutions, which is headed by Gandhi and other native leaders, has taken a position in opposition to the election of members of city government and other legislative bodies under the new government of India act.

der the new government of India act. In consequence, most of the candidates for these offices were from the moderate faction composed of the minority who voted against the boycett resolution which passed the special Indian national congress in its seasion last September.

Just prior to the election Gandhipublished an "open letter to every Englishman," in which he asserted that the only way to suppress the rising ebullition of national feeling was for the British government to meet in conference the recognized leaders of the people, duly elected by them and representing all shades of opinion, so as to devise means of transition.

them and representing all shades of opinion, so as to devise means of granting "Swaraj" (national independence) "in accordance with the wishes of the people of India."

Gandhi warned the Hindu leaders who hesitated to support his boycott movement that the people were advancing at a rate too fast for those leaders to keep pace. "It is a psychological moment for the country and we may not have an opportunity like the present one for a century," he said.

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#### BELGIANS DECLINE RIGHTS

Tentatively Befuse to Seize German Property as Treaty Provides. PARIS, December 30.—The Belgian cabinet has tentatively decided to re-nounce Belgium's right under the Versailles treaty to confiscate German property in Belgium, according to a Temps dispatch today from Brussels. The report stated that this decision was taken under paragraph 18, annex 2. part 8, of the treaty.

It pointed out that final decision will be reached only at the next cabinet meeting and that no public annumerators will be reached that the public annumerators will be reached that the public annumerators will be seen that the public annumerators will be seen

nouncement will be made until the re-nunciation has been formally ap-

#### Smokes Match Women's Gowns

in Gay Paree PARIS, January 1.—Cigarettes rolled in paper dyed delicate shades of ruse, blue, green
or orange are delegred by the
Daily Mail to be the latest
vogue for women.

Women wishing to be really
smart fill their cases with
cigarettes of a that harmonising with the color of their
gowns.

#### GALLI-CURCI DATE SET.

Songbird to Wed Accompanist January 17 at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., January 1. Mme. Galli-Curci, famous grand opera singer, and Homer Samuels, her home of the latter's parents in St.

they have taken, but in instances where there have been clashes the former service men have been driven oct. Warning has been issued by the chairman of one of their district coun-

In Many English Cities They Have

Cross-Atlantic Cable Service to The Star. LONDON, January 1. - Thousan

crackings.

"They may club men in Dulwich," he said, "but if they do they'll be paid back somewhere else. We're not going in for reprisals on the spot, but we are going to get our own back. The police must learn not to interfere with the unemployed."

CREDITORS FILE PETITION. Three creditors of the Richards Market Co-Operative Company, Inc., have filed a petition in the District Supreme Court to have the company adjudged bankrupt. The company has been engaged in baking bread and pastries at 5608 Connecticut avenue northwest. It has debts aggregating \$19,000, the court is told, and has admitted in writing its inability to pay its creditors.

#### **EX-SOLDIERS DEMAND** LIVING OF GOVERNMENT

Seized and Held Public

IONDON, January L.—Thousands of former soldiers, out of work, are organizing by districts to compel the government and the country to give them a living. In the larger English cities they have become the chief problem of the municipal authorities. There are said to be over a quarter of a million of them in their district organizations.

ganizations.

Repeatedly they have seized whole buildings for their use and barricaded themselves inside, defying the police to remove them. In two London districts, Camberwell and Acton, they took possession of large halls where dances were being conducted, evicting

cils, however, that there will be re-prisals against the police for head-

# STARVING WAIFS WAR WASTAGE

This is really wastage of the war, this mass of the under-nourished, underclad—the mentally, morally, physically, destitute children. Twenty years from now they will form the basis of civilization of Europe. If we are to preserve the foundation of society in the east and if we are to keep open the love of humanity in the west, our duty is clear to us.
HERBERT HOOVER.

Every penny of your contribution will be used for children's food without deduction for expense of any kind. Send your check to John Poole, treasurer, European Relief Fund, care of Federal National Bank.

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

Prickly Porky Is Happy. BY THORNTON W. BURGESS.

of a big hemlock tree in the Green Forest. In it he ate and slept and was into that. The Green Forest was



'I'M THANKFUL I'M NOT LIKE SOME FOLKS," GRUNTED PORKY AS REDDY FOX DISAPPEARED.

larger part of every day. At times rough Brother North Wind came to show his strength and try to frighten the little people of the Green Forest and drive them into their homes.

Pwickly Porky didn't mind. He was happy. Yes, sir, Prickly Porky was happy. He had the Green Forest almost wholly to himself, and that just suited him. He likes to be alone. Yes, sir, Prickly Porky is entirely satisfied. suited him. He likes to be alone. Yes, sir, Prickly Porky is entirely satisfied with his own company. He is never lonesome. He doesn't know what it means to be lonesome. So if for a day or two days or three days he doesn't see or hear a single neighbor he doesn't mind. In fact, he is better pleased than if he did. Having no one else to talk to, he sometimes talks to himself. 'I'm thankful I'm not like some ks," grunted Pricky Porky as ddy Fox disappeared in search of

something to eat. "That fellow spends most of his time hunting for food. He never knows where the next meal is coming from or when he'll get it. Now, I don't have to think about food at all. I don't have to hunt for it. Summer or winter all I have to do is to help myself whenever I am hungry, And it is just because my tastes are simple. There Forest. In it he ate and slept and was altogether comfortable, and he would stay there until—well, until there was nothing more to eat there. Then he would pick out another tree and move into that. The Green Forest was white now, white with snow. Jack
Frost was busy every night and the want to. What more can any one ask? I mind my own business and never bother about other folk's affairs. It is meddling with the business.

never bother about other folk's affairs. It is meddling with the business of other folks or having them meddle with yours that makes most of the trouble in this world. Let alone and be left alone, say I."

Then Päckly Porky, just to show that he really was happy, tried to sing. Had you been there you never would have guessed that that was what he was doing, but it was. It sounded as if he was grunting and whining, but if you could have understood him this is what you would have heard: Blow, Brother North Wind, road and whine! I have plenty when I want to dine.

Girl Instructors Protest Against Dance Hall Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, January 1. SAN FRANCISCO, January I.

Sixty girls employed as instructors in dance halls here
appeared before the women's
vigilance committee and urged
the committee not to proceed with its campaign to close pub-lic dance places as the result of gang attacks on young girls.

The girls protested their liv-ing would be taken from them, as the dance halls are vital to their existence.

The members of the committee pledged themselves to obtain other work for the girls if pos-sible.

Blow a little! Snow a little! I don't care. You can't cheat me of my

Simple fare!
Blow, Brother North Wind, road and whine!
A well filled stomach makes the weather fine. And that was true so far as Prickly Porky was concerned. So long as it didn't storm he didn't care much how rough Brother North Wind roared and howled or how hard Jack Frost tried to pinch. It was fine weather to him. to pinch. It was fine weather to him. You see, he wore a warm, wooly undercoat, and over this a coat of long hair in which to hide the thousand little spears he always carries, and so long as he kept his stomach filled these two coats kept him warm and comfortable. So Prickly Porky was happy and didn't bother himself about the troubles of other people. Selfish? Of course. Any one who cares for no one but himself and for nothing but his own comfort is selfish.

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#### PORTUGAL'S WOMEN FAIL IN JAIL HOSTAGE OFFER

Government Unable to Put Them in Political Prisoners' Places for By the Associated Press.

LISBON, January 1.-The govern-

ment today informed a deputation of Portuguese women that it could not legally consent to grant the women's appeal to pass Christmas day in the jails as hostages for political prison-

The reason given was that such action would be illegal and that parliament was closed and unable to discuss the question. The reply expressed admiration for the women's spirit of

Justice Stafford of the District Supreme Court has authorized the National Savings and Trust Company, receiver of the estate of Charles Early, to sell premises 1683 Connecticut avenue for \$45,750. The purchaser, Louise B. Massa, is to assume a trust for \$14,000 now on the property and to pay the balance in cash.

SALE IS AUTHORIZED.

#### RELIEVED FROM DUTY.

Society of Poets, who some time ago

Lieut. Col. Wallace M. Craigie, U. S.

Lieut. Col. Wallace M. Craigie, U. S.

A., retired, has been relieved from recruiting duty at the War Department and ordered to St. Louis, Mo.

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